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In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed  
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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which  
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